

# **West Hills Middle School School Community Council September 13, 2012**

ATTENDING: Dale Morris, Kim Baker, Chandra Walker, Amanda Parker, Hillary Emmer, Tami Ewell, Anjanette Slack, Teresa Rex, Kim Searle, Shawntell Butters, Aimee Smith, Alisha Huefner, Jacinto Peterson, Susan Call, Andrea Holmquist, Cody Curtis, Louise Atkinson, Jenni Shelton, Justin Stoker

## 1. WELCOME

- Past Chair Dale Morris welcomed everyone.

## 2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Minutes were read silently. Kim Searle motioned to accept the minutes. Amanda Parker seconded. Voting was unanimous.

## 3. CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

- Kim Baker nominated Shawntell Butters for chair. There were no other nominations. Dale Morris motioned for a vote. Chandra Walker seconded. Voting was unanimous.
- Kim Baker nominated Hillary Emmer for co-chair. There were no other nominations. Amanda Parker motioned for a vote. Chandra Walker seconded. Voting was unanimous.

## 4. TRUST LANDS

- Community Council members watched a DVD regarding School Trust Lands.
- There were no questions or comments
- Members were urged to take the orientation presentation and survey online.

## 5. TESTING RESULTS

- Kim Baker went over CRT test results from 2002-2012. Scores in Language Arts show great results, as does Science and 7th & 8th grade Math. West Hills continues to struggle in 9th grade Math. Part of struggle is the implementation of the State Core Standards jump in rigor.
- West Hills is closing the gap between minorities, low socio-economic, and ELL students.
- Tami Ewell went over the results from My Access writing testing (progress by 11%) and the SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) and the improvement West Hills made on both tests last year.

## 6. TRUST LANDS & COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- Kim Baker discussed the success of items funded in the past through the trust lands.
- Trust lands money has increased this year. The possibility of funding an iPad mobile lab was brought up. Discussion was held. Chandra Walker made a motion to amend the trust lands to

add money to technology line for the purchase of an iPad lab. Shawntell Butters seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

- Susan Call asked that the school recommend Apps for parents. Those will be posted on the school website with a blurb in the school newsletter. (They will also be posted on the WHMS web page)

#### 7. RESULTS OF 2011-12 AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – KETCHUP & RELISH, TUTORING, MATH CAMP 2112-13

- Time will be extended to sign-up for a time for student led conferences. Parents can email teachers for a date and time if needed.
- Average attendance for after-school tutoring is about 300-400 students a month.
- Intramural activities include sports and cat food club. Football is coming soon.
- Alisha Huefner asked that a Skylert be sent out regarding upcoming activities.
- Ketchup & Relish is a remediation program. The first Ketchup & Relish will be held the end of September. The focus will be moving standard based mastery.

#### 8. SKYLERT, FACEBOOK & TWITTER

- Parents can set on Skylert how they would prefer to be notified.
- West Hills would like to post pictures of student accomplishments on Facebook. Pictures need to be sent to Mrs. Baker so she can post them.
- There are directions on a green paper to sign up for receive twitter posts.

#### 9. CITY COUNCIL

- West Jordan City is working with UDOT to complete a traffic study on New Bingham and Grizzly Way.
- Alisha Huefner gave a phone number, Robert Miles, 801.975.4827, who is with UDOT to call regarding traffic issues in this quadrant.
- There are plans to build a new regional park in this area. Justin Stoker asked if West Hills could be used for a community meeting for public input for park.

#### 10. PTSA – FUND RAISERS

- Alisha Huefner asked for the approval of the yearbook as a fundraiser. Jennie Shelton motioned that the council approve the yearbook fundraiser. Shawntell Butters seconded. Voting was unanimous.
- Discussion was held about allowing the PTSA student reps to use the community council's service project. Amanda Parker made a motion to allow the use of the service project. Jenni Shelton seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.
- A request was made for West Hills to send out information about upcoming activities for Copper Hills High. Concerns were raised about students attending West Jordan High. Kim Baker would like to add a community calendar to our West Hills website to include all West Jordan activities.

#### 11. COUNSELING CENTER

- Chandra Walker asked that the Community Council members serve as members of the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program advisory committee.
- October 9, 2012 is the date of the 12th annual Reality Town at West Hills. Chandra Walker asked parents to volunteer and encourage their neighbors to volunteer also.
- The Counseling Center provides leadership for our school wide CATS program. CATS stand for Character, Academics, Talent and Service. Students have completed over 100 hats. Parents can make donations of yarn to the Counseling Center.

## 12. MOTION TO DISMISS

- Amanda Parker motioned to dismiss. Hillary Emmer seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Meeting schedule:  
November 8, 2012.  
February 7, 2013  
April 11, 2013